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AAUW GREATER WAYNE AREA BRANCH PURPOSE The purpose of this branch shall be to further AAUW's mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

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It is a new season---Happy Fall! Fall is a beautiful and colorful season here in New Jersey. I hope you have enjoyed its many types and colors of trees as they have gone through their own progress---giving us sights to admire, smiles, and also lots of leaves. I know it is past the zenith of



the leaf situation, but my environmental friends advise, as I do, LEAVE the leaves. We don't need to manicure every lawn. Those leaves are important for the little insects and ground creatures that provide nourishment for the spring and summer happenings.

Thank you, first of all, for your contributions to our Walk-a-Thon. You are a very generous group. As you will see below, the contributions were \$4,185. This is a significant boost to our Scholarship Fund, the important service mission for this branch.

Our event closest to the publication of this newsletter was a seminar brought to you from the Walking and Wellness Group. Our interest group leader for that one, and our Secretary, is Lauren Coyle. The interactive seminar, "How Can I Live with Arthritis?", was a relevant topic for many of us. Thank you, Lauren. The Walking and Wellness group is a new one this year, and Lauren has provided a very active schedule of walks. Speaking of events, please mark your calendar for the Holiday Party on December 3, a Sunday. Details are enclosed in this newsletter. Don't overlook the other events on our active and crowded calendar of activities for all. The diversity of our interest groups continues to impress me, and I hope it continues to delight you. As I mentioned in the last Advance, Lorraine LaShell has made it easier for you to keep up with weekly happenings with our communication tool ,"What's doing this week.".

My opening remarks are not as important as the articles, the information, the dates of activities, and the reports from the numerous and varied interest groups. Look at how many there are!!! I applaud all of our leaders and you, our members, who make these groups informative, fun, and meaningful in our lives.

I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving. The idea of saying "thanks" and a day set aside for that is a good thing on an annual basis. And we all have things to be thankful for.

With my gratitude, my well wishes, and my sincere desire to serve you. Please reach out to me if you have any suggestions, issues, or (even) complaints. That is what I am here for. I am here for YOU.

# Linda Nardone

In case you haven't noticed the many things that AAUW is doing nationally and in New Jersey, here is a brief summary.

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Congress must come to an agreement on the fiscal year 2024 budget, but the Senate and House are miles apart on education spending. While the Senate bill is not ideal, the House bill is an unacceptable attack on education and civil rights. These differences threaten to cause a government shutdown.

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In an analysis of new data from the Census Bureau, AAUW found that women took home only 84% of the pay men did in 2022. When looking at all workers, including part-time and seasonal workers, women were paid a mere 78% of men's wages. The pay inequities are even more startling for women of color. Of course, this has improved greatly from the 70s when women earned 50% of what men earned, but it is still unacceptable.

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With Vote-by-mail already hitting mailboxes, election season is upon us. New Jersey will elect 120 state legislators (80 Assembly seats and 40 Senate seats) this November. New this year, AAUW NJ has created a Voter Guide to help our members figure out which candidates are aligned to our values.

The current political environment has shifted focus to the state legislative arena all around the country. With recent Supreme Court decisions, states are taking on issues that were once considered under federal purview. Policy makers in our state government are now routinely making decisions about issues that directly affect us and our families. And often, those conversations lack women's voices.

As we enter this season it is of utmost importance that we identify those who will best represent our values and those who seek to roll back our hard-won rights. It's as simple as this: When women vote, we win. AAUW NJ's 2023 Voter Guide provides nonpartisan information about policy concerns that are critical to women and their families.

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AAUW NJ is looking for two communications interns to assist with social media and archiving of communications documents. We are



looking for motivated and dedicated feminists – preference will be given to residents of (or students in) New Jersey. Knowledge and experience with social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn are a must. Proficiency with Google Workspace is a plus.

Interns must be able to work on their own with minimal supervision and commit to a minimum of 50 hours within a three-month time period. Candidates must have access to a computer and the internet as they will be working remotely. The positions are not paid, but there is a stipend paid on completion of the internship.

If you know of anyone who may be interested, please have them send a resume and statement of interest to aauwnj@gmail.com. Questions or requests for more information should be directed to the same email.

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No one should be forced to choose between their job and a healthy pregnancy or safe recovery from pregnancy. This is why we celebrated the passage of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act in December 2022 as the most significant protection for pregnant workers in decades.

But the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act will only truly work for workers in this country if there are strong regulations that make its vital protections fully available.

Before this law, when pregnant workers requested a change at work – like a stool to sit on, access to water or rest breaks, or light duty, they could be fired or pushed off the job or forced to risk their health by

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working without needed accommodations. Ensuring the EEOC can enforce the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act to its full effect will put a stop to this injustice once and for all.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) has been tasked with writing regulations for this important law for workers and are receiving public comment on the proposed regulations through October 10th. We need to make sure that the final rules are strong, comprehensive, and inclusive to ensure that all pregnant workers have access to the protections they deserve.

Sign the petition to strengthen protections for all pregnant workers today!

# Karen Wertheimer

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The Walk-A-Thon was a huge success. We raised \$4,185 due to your generosity and that of your sponsors. The best year yet!

We have received a commitment from the Leo Club (service club at Wayne Hills High School), to provide us with a \$500 donation. This is the second year they have partnered with us. Linda Nardone and I will be meeting with the club members in late October.

#### PUT ON YOUR THINKING CAPS!!

The best way to form associations with other high school service clubs is to know someone who participates. Do you have a grandchild, relative, or neighbor who participates in a service club? If so, please forward their name, and I will contact them.

I will now be assuming the job of Donation Cards. Contact me via computer or cell phone with your requests.

Joan London Fundraising Chair Our Current Events group meets the third Friday of the month at a member's house at 1 pm. We begin our meeting by choosing the next topic for discussion, usually something relating to a current global issue. Later, the first five members who want to present within that area send me their topic. They are encouraged to keep the presentation to around 10 minutes so we have time for the others, the listeners, to participate in the discussion. The presentations are so fact-filled and well researched that we all learn so much about the subject through contributions by both listeners and presenters about areas of which we usually had little knowledge.

Previous topics included Oppenheimer and the atomic bomb; China and related issues around their dominance in the global order; and immigration, refugees, and global response.

All are welcome to join this really vital interest group.

Our October 20th meeting changed its topic from North Africa to a more immediate discussion about the Mideast crisis. We had a very well attended meeting with 11 members who all had so much to share about their knowledge and views about where we are globally. It was a very engaging and educational event as this group is quite diverse and well informed.

It was unanimously decided to continue our discussion at our next meeting on November 17th at Ruth Liston's house. The proposed topic presenters so far are:

Joan London: Background about terrorist groups focusing on those involved in Israel (Hamas, Hezbollah, PLO, Muslim Brotherhood, PNA) Carol Palmer Yomtov: Abbreviated history of the origins of the state of Israel from 4000 A.D to the present

Marlys Huss: Abraham Accords

Arna Taraporevala: Peace process going forward

All are welcome to join this really vital interest group. Hope to see you there.

Arline Lowe Chairperson

Women are the primary or joint breadwinners for a majority of American households. But at present, this economy is not working for them and their families. Today, a woman earns 80 cents for every dollar a man earns, and the pay gap is even worse for black and Latina women. Wages are barely budging as inflation rises and, most importantly, the cost of child care has risen so much that it is making it harder for women to work, especially those women who are employed as minimum wage caregivers.

Women who have jobs as caregivers for children, the elderly, the infirm, health care assistants, or any assisted service provider are among the lowest paying jobs but ironically the fastest growing job category in the marketplace. These are the positions that are filled by people to whom we entrust our family members. Most of these positions are filled by women. As primary or joint breadwinners, these women find it difficult to make ends meet. They lack the education and/or the resources to continue their education and improve their financial status.

Many are black and Latina and find themselves with the difficult decision to even continue working with the advent of starting a family. If they do not have family to help, the cost of child care, especially for infants, is equal to or supersedes their own salaries.

This is a dual problem. Low caregiver pay and access to affordable child care should be considered at all levels of government. Possible solutions could include income-based subsidies



or public provisions for high quality child care and increased wages or, again, public supplements for care worker wages. In either case, wages and the quality of care that these women provide need to be equated. Good care does not come cheap, and providers of that care need to make wages so they can make ends meet for their own families.

There is no easy solution to this conundrum, but we can bring this problem to the forum of our federal, state, and local leaders since not addressing this inequality is one that will affect all of us. The only other option at present for these women is to apply for public assistance so they may provide a basic subsistence for their family. This is costly too! Wouldn't it be better to pay a decent wage and give these workers a sense of accomplishment?

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The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 6, at 3:00 at Linda Nardone's home. All current elected and appointed officers and committee chairs are invited to attend.

RSVP to Linda

Election Day Tuesday November 7



Following up on Dorothy Quinn's excellent article about the warming of our planet, fossil fuels - coal, oil, and gas -are by far the largest contributors to climate change, accounting for over 75% of all greenhouse global emissions and nearly 90% of all carbon dioxide emissions. In addition to carbon dioxide, vast amounts of methane, an extremely potent greenhouse gas, leaks from gas and oil facilities through venting unwanted gas or drilling and through pipelines, accounting for 25% of global heating today.

Thousands of research papers from universities around the globe have been written on this subject by institutions such as Harvard, NASA, and the US Department of Defense. All remain unanimous in their conclusions that fossil fuels are by far the largest contributors to human-caused climate change, and time is running out on our ability to take action.

While some value the opinions of science, a growing number of people are concerned about the effects of climate in their everyday lives – be it extreme weather, drought, flooding, wildfires, pollution, or the hottest September globally on record we recently experienced. They are becoming increasingly aware of the importance of renewable energy, mass transit, and the problems associated with the expansion of new fossil fuel projects.

As a result, on Sunday September 17, prior to President Biden's visit to the Climate Summit, more than 75,000 people marched to the United Nations to call on world leaders to put an end to the use of fossil fuels. They were joined by 500 protests throughout the US and 54 countries around the world to demand their leaders take action.

But at the same time, despite the passing of the New Jersey Clean Energy Act requiring 100% clean energy by 2035, it may surprise you that New Jersey has a number of fossil fuel projects planned or in process in our state.

Let's begin with two new gas power plants and a turnpike extension to the Holland Tunnel, all planned to be in Environmental Justice Communities already overburdened with pollution.

### They include:

(PVSC) The Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission Gas Power Plant in the Newark Ironbound community. This would be the fourth gas plant in their community. Sewage entered waterways during outages, but the commercial processing of sewage during power outages was restored by an upgrade by PSEG, so the plant is no longer needed.

NJ Transit Power Plant (TRANSITGRID) in Kearny. This Plant was originally needed due to infrequent power losses. but the problem has since been resolved by an upgrade by PSEG, so it is no longer needed. The plant would be run 24/7 to generate revenue.

New Jersey Turnpike Expansion - Hudson County and Newark. This project would cost over \$10 billion and would result in increased truck and other vehicular traffic, which will increase already elevated rates of asthma and release more toxic air pollutants in this densely populated area. The expansion is not necessary, as the Turnpike ends at the Holland Tunnel, which cannot be expanded.



In addition to these three, there are other major fossil fuel projects planned for our state. All of these projects are designed to bring more fracked gas from Pennsylvania through our state despite the lack of need, producing a constant risk of leaking, pollution, and explosion.



#### They include:

The Williams REAE Compression Expansion in West Deptford, Old Bridge, and Branchburg. This project would result in massive greenhouse gas emissions despite the fact there is more than adequate capacity to meet peak demands.

(TGP) The Tennessee Gas Pipeline Upgrade and Compressor Expansion in West Milford. It is within the Highlands Preservation Area jeopardizing drinking water for millions of New Jersey residents for gas destined for New York.

(LNG) The Liquid Natural Gas Export Terminal in Gibbstown. This terminal would transport thousands of tons of highly volatile liquid natural gas from Pennsylvania to Gibbstown via trains and trucks through New Jersey to the Delaware River to be exported internationally.

So the question is, how are these fossil fuel projects compatible with the energy goals our state has adopted?

Given this huge investment in fossil fuel infrastructure, I was unable to find any plan to meet the goals set by the NJ Clean



Energy Act by 2035. Although targets have been set for achieving clean energy goals, there are no penalties in the Bill for failing to meet these targets.

We need to hold our officials accountable for the goals they set that will affect the lives of future generations, whether we are pressuring our president to lead at a Climate Summit or our governor to exact a moratorium on fossil fuel projects in order to reach his commitment for 100% clean energy by 2035.

We can let our voices be heard by joining forces with and donating to environmental groups involved in the fight against the expansion of fossil fuels (Empower NJ, Food & Water Watch, to name a few), write letters to the

editor and those officials with the power to stop the project (President Biden, Governor Murphy, the Department of Transportation in the cases above), join demonstrations to demand our leaders do the right thing, and vote for those leaders who will!



On October 11, a third NJ gas plant, (CPV), The Competitive Gas Power Ventures Power Plant, planned to be built in the Keasbey section of Woodbridge, was finally cancelled! A major victory due to grassroots activism! Sited next to an existing power plant, if built, it would have provided electricity to New York and been one of the top polluters in New Jersey.

(Thank you to Ken Dolsky for providing me with an update on these projects.)

#### Barbara Stomber

Christine Dimovski, PT of Atlantic Health Care Systems, gave an informative and useful presentation on arthritis on Wednesday, October 18 at the Pequannock Library. Our president, Linda Nardone, opened the event by speaking of the many health resources available in our community. She provided a list of October events in Wayne and informed us that the anticipated Wayne Health Resource directory will be available online in November..

Ms. Dimovski stressed the importance of doing some form of low impact exercise to improve strength, joint mobility, muscle strength, and pain. The CDC (www.cdc.gov) and Arthritis Foundation (www.arthritisfoundation.org) recommend 150 minutes per week of moderate intensity exercises, which can be broken down to short intervals during the day. She emphasized that we need to do things in moderation, know our limits during the day, ask for help as needed, and space out activities. For example, if we need to go shopping and do laundry, we may want to do only one of these a day. Aquatic exercises were listed as the best exercise since joints are supported by water. Other recommended exercises include swimming, bike riding, walking, yoga, Pilates, and chair and hand exercises. She said that a physical or occupational therapy evaluation might be beneficial to personalize exercises for you.

Other recommendations included discussing medications, creams, and diet with your physician and using adaptive equipment and proper shoes to protect joints. Check out: Joint Protection for ADLs (2014) You Tube.

Among the pearls of wisdom I heard was the importance of doing 5 minutes of some exercise before getting out of bed. We've all heard about the importance of not 'jumping' out of bed because of changes in blood pressure. When our joints are stiff and we get up too quickly, our balance will be off and will increase our risk of falls. See: 5 minute seated exercises for arthritis with a physical therapist -You Tube.

A special thanks to the Atlantic Health Care Community Health team, Elaine Dolsky and the events team, Ruth Liston for membership, and everyone who shared this event with their community. There were several non-members who came. Some of the recommendations for future presentations include: hearing loss, incontinence, good diet, brain health, and osteoporosis. Look out for future presentations!

Lauren Coyle Chairperson

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Do you know what your fellow AAUW's are doing to stay healthy?

Now that we're up and 'running' or walking with the Walking and Wellness group, Linda Nardone suggested that we survey members to find out what other healthy activities they might be doing in case we'd want to join them. Being new to Pompton Plains and the Wayne area, I asked Elaine Kirsh if she knew of any places that had Tai Chi. Elaine participates in many and various exercises among them Nia (a form of dance exercise), pilates, walking...just to name a few. One of the resources she gave me was Body & Brain which offers yoga and Tai Chi, either in-person or on zoom. I discovered that Ruth, Lorraine and Arline participate there, too and that it has made a difference in balance and flexibility. We're lucky that there are many venues to exercise in our area from the YMCA, Kinnelon Public Library, Wayne Public Library to name a few.

So, here's a short list:

Linda heads up 3 walks on Mondays at Laurelwood, Packanack Lake and Found Abilities. Jan does zumba, chair yoga and meditation; Barbara swims laps and strengthening exercises; Randi does water aerobics; pickleball, Peggy: pickleball, zoom zumba, walking; Cindy ice skates and runs; Maryann does chair yoga at Laurelwood Arboretum with Lorraine and Lauren. Please email me to share your adventures.

#### Lauren Coyle

A new interest group has been formed in which participants share thoughts about a specific topic. Participants are asked to respond to a prompt which has been decided, in advance, by the group. Prompts have included:

"What in your life gives you joy?" "How did 9/11 impact you?" (Meeting was on 9/11)

The group meets monthly, on the second Tuesday of the month, at 4 pm.

While no additional members will be added to this group, a second group could be formed should there be enough interest. Contact Joan or Ruth if you would like to participate.

# Facilitators Joan London Ruth Liston

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The pickleball group is finally picking up, playing at the Wayne YMCA at noon on Monday, Wednesday, and sometimes Friday. We have managed to get enough of us together to play a few games, but if we are short a player, there is usually a friendly person at the Y willing to join us, regardless of our level of expertise. And I personally want to thank Abby Schwartz for her patient coaching (a job she didn't ask for!) - what a gem!

It's never too late to start, so if you have an interest in this fun sport, come on down!

# Randi Galanowsky

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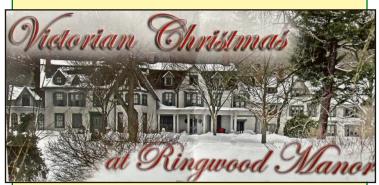
Our Movie Club had their first meeting in September at the home of Elaine Dolsky. We reviewed the movie

BARBIE. Some of us even wore our favorite pink outfits!

Elaine Dolsky Movie Club Chairperson



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The Walking and Wellness group invites you to join them for a holiday tour of the Ringwood Manor and a short walk afterwards. Friday, December 1st @11am. Admission to the Manor is \$8. Please email Lauren Coyle or Ruth Liston to confirm.

While in search of additional walking venues besides our Friday walks, we discovered that Linda Nardone leads two walks in Wayne every Monday! Each walk is an hour in duration and continues throughout the year. The 1st walk meets at the main parking lot (725 Pines Lake Drive West) of the Laurelwood Arboretum at 9 am. The second walk meets at the Packanack Community Church parking lot (120 Lake Drive East) at 11 am to walk around Packanack Lake. Come join the fun!

# Schedule of upcoming walks

- 11/3 Laurelwood meet at the welcome center @9:30am
- 11/10 Pequannock Rail Trail park & meet at PV park @9:30am
- 11/17 Silas Condict Park meet at upper parking lot @9:30am
- 11/24 No walk scheduled due to holiday
- 11/30 Monthly Walking & Wellness Meeting
- 12/01 Victorian Christmas at Ringwood Manor tour and walk @11 am meet in the parking lot. Admission \$8.

Lauren Coyle

The Culinary Group met in October for a Deli Day Luncheon. Selections included an assortment of deli salads and specialties.

The group will not meet in November and December due to the close proximity of holidays.

# Carolyn Noble

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### Ingredients:

Whole roast chicken

1 cup dried cranberries

1 cup red seedless grapes; cut each grape into 4 sections

1 stalk celery chopped in very small pieces

1 cup mayonnaise (Hellman's or Miracle Whip)

### Directions:

**1.** Take all the meat off the chicken. (Use mostly white meat.) Make sure there is no fat, skin, hard pieces, or little bones.

**2.** Put pieces of chicken in a food processor and process for no more than 3 seconds. There will be a lot of chicken, so you will have to repeat processing a few times. Place chicken in a bowl.

**3.** Add the cranberries, cut-up grapes, and celery to the chicken and mix together.

**4.** Take a small amount of the mixture and put in a separate bowl. Add a little mayonnaise. Keep adding the mixture as you keep adding mayonnaise, alternately.

**5.** When all the chicken is blended to your liking with all the ingredients, place in a glass bowl and then the refrigerator. Let the chicken salad stay in the fridge for at least one day.

Serve on slider bun with a piece of crispy lettuce. Honestly, I rarely measure, so all measurements are estimated.

# LITERATURE GROUP

# Lit Group Meetings 2023-24

The meetings are scheduled from 1-2:30. Please let the host know if you are attending.

Wednesday, November 1: Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult

Host: Ruth Liston. RSVP Ruth if you are attending. Discussion Leader: Ada Liggett

There will not be a meeting in December due to Hanukkah.

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Wednesday, January 3: *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks **Discussion Leader:** Dorothy Quinn

Wednesday, February 7: Summerwater by Sarah Moss

Discussion Leader: Karen Wertheimer

Wednesday, March 6: *Trust* by Hernan Diaz Discussion Leader: Mary Ann Lund

Wednesday, April 3: The Girl Who Wrote in Silk by Kelli Este

**Host:** Ada Liggett. RSVP Ada if you are attending. **Discussion Leader:** Carol Palmer-Yomtov

#### Wednesday, May 1: *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See Host: Mary Ann Lund

Discussion Leader: TBD

I am looking forward to our upcoming Lit Group meetings.

# Diane Snyder Ricart Chairperson



ENJOY!

**OASIS TOY DRIVE** This year OASIS will provide over 300 adult education students as well as members of the larger Paterson community the opportunity to choose presents for their children and grandchildren over the holiday season.

Please bring unwrapped new toys, games, and clothing for boys and girls (infant to sixteen years old) to our Holiday Party on December 3.

If you cannot make the Holiday Party, please drop off your toys at my home. There will be containers on the front step. Delivery due date: December 3.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity to the children and families of OASIS.

Diane Snyder Ricart Chairperson

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BREAKING NEWS--We have two brand-new members. Nina DelCollo is coming to us from the Nutley branch which has disbanded. Nina is a longtime, very active member of the AAUW State organization in addition to serving in many capacities in the Nutley branch. We look forward to being the recipients of all of Nina's experiences and expertise. A friend of Joan London's has also joined us. Barbara O'Connor had come to the most recent Current Events meeting and joined shortly thereafter. Barbara is a retired nurse who spent most of her career in public health. To quote Barbara, she and Kevin have "four wonderful adult children and seven fabulous grandchildren." WELCOME TO BOTH!!

# Ruth Liston



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#### Holiday Party

Sunday, December 3 (Please see the detailed invitation on the following page in this issue)

**January:** There is no meeting this month. However, we suggest that you watch the Netflix drama series, *Self Made*. As the title suggests, this series is based on the true story of Madam C.J. Walker, who will be the subject of our February webinar meeting.

#### **Black History Month**

Tuesday, February 13, 7:30 pm

AAUW- NJ/GWA will be honoring Black History Month by offering a virtual webinar- *Madam C.J. Walker: Her Story and Her Legacy.* The guest speaker is A'Lelia Bundles, biographer and greatgreat-granddaughter of Madam Walker and a member of New Voices Foundation, which supports today's women of color entrepreneurs.

# **LUNCH BUNCH**

Please join us for our next Lunch Bunch gathering on Thursday, November 9th at Nori Sushi, 87 Berdan Ave., Wayne. RSVP by Friday, Nov. 3rd.

The October gathering of the Lunch Bunch was held at the Cypress Tavern in Kinnelon.

Featuring an extensive Greek/Mediterranean menu (along with standard fare), 13 members enjoyed moussaka, spanakopita, gyros, and other foods. Conversation and laughter filled our private room for an enjoyable afternoon of good company and food.

Ann Sheridan

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We continue playing bridge and mahjong in person and online. We need an additional bridge player for our Monday afternoon in-person game. If anyone is interested, please let me know. If you have not played before, we will be happy to teach you. It is such a fun game!! Please check enclosed calendars for dates and times.

# Ruth Liston

# Happy Holidays From AAUW-GWA!

Please join us for our annual Holiday Party. A catered Italian Buffet Luncheon will be served as we play games, sing holiday songs, and take a virtual walk down Memory Lane.



When: Sunday, December 3rd from 1:00-4:00 PM

Where: Carol Palmer Yomtov's Clubhouse (GPS-62 Rock Creek Terrace, Riverdale 07457) Carpooling is strongly suggested

Cost: \$35

RSVP with your check payable to AAUW-GWA by November 19th to Elaine Dolsky

Please remember to bring unwrapped new toys, games and clothing for boys and girls (infants up to 16 year olds) for the Oasis Toy Drive.

# November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	3 PM Bridge online	2PM: MJ online 7PM Bridge online		12:30 Lunch Bunch:Nori Sushi	9:30 AM Walking Group: PEQ Rail Trail	Veterans Day
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# December

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26	27	28	29	30	10 AM Walking Group:Ringwood Manor	2
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### AAUW GREATER WAYNE AREA BRANCH

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this branch shall be to further AAUW's mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

#### **DIVERSITY STATEMENT**

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

#### **VALUE PROMISE**

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.



Greater Wayne Area Branch

#### MEMBER TOWNS

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